

People in the news

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Robinson may face flak during confirmation vote

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

With financial and political issues swirling around the terminals and runways of Detroit Metro Airport, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has selected a financial specialist to handle the airport director duties for the coming years.

The designate to replace two year airport director David Katz is Lester W. Robinson of Belleville. He will officially assume the airport post on May 1.

Wayne County Commissioners still have to confirm the nomination. Some expressed opinions they would like McNamara to widen the search for a successor – and even said they “may even vote against the appointment” if it could sway the county executive's choice.

But at this early point it looks as if Robinson will still win out.

County leaders state that Robinson “comes to the job with a strong auditing and financial background, along with experience as a former deputy director of Airports at Metro and Chief Financial Officer for the County of Wayne.

Robinson, 48, also is the first African American to be named head of the airports. McNamara declared that Wayne County is “very fortunate” that Robinson has accepted the appointment.

Robinson also is the 1998 winner of Crain's Black Business Leadership Award.

Observers took partisan sides on McNamara's appointment – with many top Democrats praising the choice and various Republicans and some others – including some Democrats – criticizing a lack of a thorough search for a successor to Katz.

State Sen. Glenn Steil (R-Grand Rapids) – co-chair of the legislative committee investigating possible mismanagement at Metro Airport – slammed McNamara for not doing a “nationwide” search for a new airport director.

An independent political thinker upon hearing Steil's



Lester Robinson

comment said “nation-wide...heck McNamara didn't even do a house by house search...it seems more like a room by room check!”

Meanwhile local State Rep. Ray Basham (D-Taylor), also a member of the state's airport committee, revealed he did not know Robinson personally.

But Basham said, “I know he has a daunting task before him with the massive construction of the midfield terminal due to be completed next year. Plus he will need to do it while trying to keep the Republicans off his back.”

But McNamara and other key county leaders continue to stress Robinson's quality financial background, particularly since the airport's operations credibility is under such scrutiny.

They cite that Robinson was president and CEO of First Independence Corp. prior to starting Capital Financial Advisors International.

McNamara claims Robinson's “reputation for fiscal integrity reaches to Lansing and beyond” ... based on the fact that Gov. John Engler's administration appointed him to a review team working with a financially troubled community from 1996-99.

Robinson vowed “my primary objective is to continue David Katz' customer service agenda and to ensure that the highest standards of fiscal in-

tegrity prevail in all airport operations.”

Robinson – if approved by the county commissioners – will head continuing programs leading to the creation of Metro Airport's sixth jet runway, the development of a new south access road, completion of the billion dollar midfield terminal next year and the renovation of the existing terminal complex.

Cory School is accredited

Cory Elementary School in Romulus has won full accreditation, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools announced last week.

Principal Phyllis Adkins was informed by NCA State Director Dr. William Bushaw of Ann Arbor of the action on April 3.

“Cory School has now joined the growing league of schools, whose purpose is the continuing quest for higher levels of quality education,” Bushaw said.



And the tickets go to....

Sandra Puzzuoli (at right) now has a standing weekly date with her husband, and each week will promise action, adventure, hilarious comedy, and even romance.

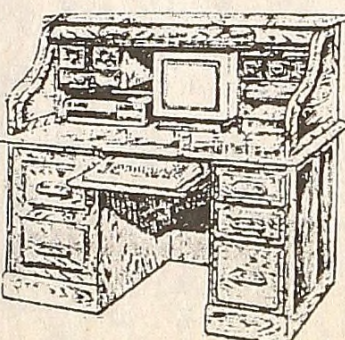
Is Puzzuoli just very good at keeping the magic alive in her marriage? Maybe....but she definitely won 52 pairs of movie tickets from Canton Cinema in Michigan Community Newspapers' Oscar Contest.

Puzzuoli entered the contest by filling out her ballot in the *Canton Eagle*. The contest ran for four weeks preceding the Oscars, and Puzzuoli and four other contestants guessed all the winners correctly. Contest coordinator and MCN movie editor Syble Marr blushes as she admits that the contestants guessed better than she did. Marr reports that some 300 readers filled out their ballots in hopes of winning the grand prize.

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The winner, Rina Bryan, 32, won \$1,000 as well as \$100 with a quick cash bonus in round one.

Bryan serves as a breakfast cook at the Tin Pan Saloon in Belleville.

When informed by her dad that she was to appear on the televised lottery program, Bryan said she “screamed and woke up all the neighbors!”

She brought her grandmother's sterling silver bird pin with her to the show's taping for good luck.

Bryan said she plans to use her winnings to enter her boyfriend in a special golf tournament and apply the rest toward a Harley-Davidson motorcycle for herself.

The winning lottery player also enjoys golfing, playing bingo and listening to classic rock n' roll music in her spare time.

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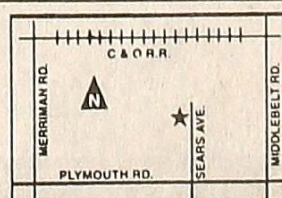
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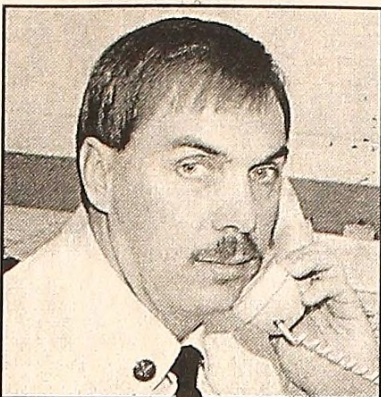
Sullivan claims he has worked hard to get competitive bidding on all contracts at the airport, the painting of the Waltz Road Bridge in Huron Township and widening/improvements to many of the county roads.

Sullivan said he has at-

tended over 300 meetings in 1999 alone and serves on more committees than any other county commissioner.

He also vows to remain on top of the current \$2 billion airport expansion effort "to ensure that the airport becomes a shining star in the community rather than the sore spot that it has been for many years."

Sullivan's office number is 313-224-0944.



Chief Allison

Fire chief injured, man possibly killed

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Fire Chief David Allison suffered a head injury and a person in a van reportedly was possibly killed Tuesday afternoon, during an accident at 1:40 p.m. at the intersection of Inkster and Eureka Roads.

The State Police from Taylor were investigating the

It was not reported who was driving the fire truck or if the truck was responding to an emergency call.

crash Tuesday, but Mayor William Oakley said it was still listed as a possible fatality late Tuesday (at press time).

Unconfirmed reports said the private citizen apparently was thrown from his vehicle as a result of the crash.

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CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 27, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Absent: None
Excused: Michael A. Prybyla, Donald Morris

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 13, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to grant a No Fee Permit for the Moslem Shrine Temple to conduct its annual fund raising drive on June 16-17, 2000 at various intersections in the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to grant a No Fee Permit for VFW Post 9568 for their annual Poppy Sale to be held May 11-13, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to grant a No Fee Permit to Romulus Wesleyan Church to parade from the Church at Five Pointes to the Historic Park on Good Friday, April 21, 2000 at 12 noon. The route will be from Goddard Road at Five Pointes to Hunt Street to the park.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3D1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve the request from Courtyard Management Corp and Courtyard by Marriott II Limited Partnership as co-licensees to transfer 100 shares of stock in a 1999 12 month Resort B-Hotel at 30653 Flynn Drive from Marriott Corp to a new stockholder, Marriott International, Inc., Ref 990002773.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3D2. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the request from Courtyard by Marriott II limited Partnership and Courtyard Management Corp request to transfer all stock in Courtyard Management Corp 1999 12 months Resort B-Hotel licensed business at 30653 Flynn Drive to Marriott International

Inc. and to change existing stockholder name from Marriott International, Inc. to Sodexho Marriott Services, Inc., Ref. 59989.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to acknowledge the anniversary of Revered Virgil Hunes of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Wayne C. Garnett.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution concurring with the South Huron Valley Utility Authority Settlement Schedule.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to enter into MDOT contract #00-5067 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Romulus for the reconstruction of Northline Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads and to authorize Mayor William Oakley and City Clerk Linda Choate to execute the document. The City's estimated share of the project cost is Five Hundred and Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$541,000.00) and the Tax Increment Finance Authority's estimated share to be Three Million, Four Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$3,459,000.00). A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to approve a No Fee Permit for the 2000 Annual City Wide Garage Sales to be held June 1-4, 2000 with a rain date of June 8-11, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99-00 for the 2000 Official Publications to Michigan Community Newspapers in the amount of \$4.75 per column inch for 10 pt body text and \$5.60 per column inch for 8 pt body text.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-17 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND				
Expenditures				
267-000.00-970.500	Capital Outlay - Federal	101,954	5,322	107,276
FUND BALANCE				
Law Enforcement Fund		AVAILABLE 290,242	APPROPRIATE 5,322	BUDGET 284,920

To appropriate funds for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software upgrades for computers in the Records Bureau and for the Chief's Secretary.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to table the creation of a Special Assessment District for widening and paving of Beverly Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth
Nays - Romak.
Motion Carried .

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to accept an offer from Mrs. Frazier-Trivedi to purchase excess city owned property DP#017-99-0018-000 in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to authorize the Police Department to destroy obsolete records as submitted to the City Council. A list in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

8. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to forward a communication to members of the Hazardous Waste Site Review Board thanking them for their diligent efforts in considering the injection well project as proposed by Environmental Disposal Systems. A special thanks to Representative Ray Basham and to Governor Engler for appointing such a qualified review board.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to declare May 13, 2000 as Romulus' Clean Sweep Day.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to authorize the payment of Warrant 00-06 in the grand total amount of Two Million, Eight Hundred Sixty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$2,866,897.44).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 27, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Marshmallow Drop this weekend

This Saturday, the Easter Bunny will roll into town, and thousands of marshmallows will fall from a helicopter looming above at the Van Buren Parks and Recreation 2000 Marshmallow

ule is: 10 a.m. for walking toddlers, 4 years old and under; 10:10 a.m., children age 5 to 7; 10:20 a.m., children age 8 to 10.

The drop will be at the Van Buren Township Softball Field, located at the back side of Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road.



Drop.

The event is non-competitive, and everyone will win a prize. There is no grand prize. Children need only one marshmallow to receive a treat. Regardless of how many marshmallows the child has, each will receive only one treat.

Parents are reminded to instruct their children not to eat the marshmallows, and to help control the area so that no one runs into the helicopter.

There will be a white lost and found tent. Please tell you child to go there if you should become separated, and be extra cautious to watch out for small children in the parking lot.

The approximate drop scheduled at the back side of Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road.

The cost is \$1 per child. For more information call the Recreation Department at 699-8926.



Artist of the Week

Jennifer Kim, in teacher Jean Sala's third grade class, was named Artist of the Week at Tyler Elementary School in Belleville. Students in Brie Stosick's art classes studied Texture, color and design. They did their designs in two different media.

Surf's up!

Surf over to our website at www.micomnews.com and read all of our editions online. Check out what's happening in Belleville, Canton, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland. Download our articles and pictures. Shop in our classifieds. Or Sound Off.

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Local Funeral Director discusses national issues on Capitol Hill

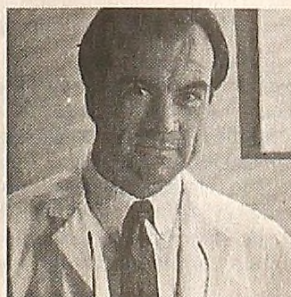
Martha Brown and David Brown of David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville discussed important funeral service issues and helped make plans for a nationwide fund raising campaign to build a World War II Memorial during the recent National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

Brown was asked by the NFDA to participate in a grass-roots campaign to raise \$5 million for the memorial. Although more than 400,000 Americans lost their lives and millions more supported the war effort at home, there is no memorial to World War II.

About \$75 million has been raised to build a national memorial in Washington D.C. The NFDA says it will raise \$5 million of the needed \$25 million to complete the project.

Funeral directors also met with members of the U.S. House and Senate. they discussed strengthening the federal Funeral Rule to protect consumers, preserving local small businesses by changing estate tax laws, and proposed employee safety regulations.

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FIA administered program Agency assists low-income Inkster families

If you're out of work or having problems paying medical bills, you may want to contact the Wayne County Family Independence Agency. The agency is located on Hamlin Boulevard in the city of Inkster.

The agency is the vehicle in which low income families may receive assistance.

The Michigan Medicaid Program helps low income people pay medical and nursing home care. It is administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health, Medical Services Administration in cooperation with the Michigan Family Independence Agency.

Policy, eligibility rules and managed care contracts are determined by the Department of Community Health (DCH). The Family Independence Agency accepts applications and determines whether or not the applicant meets eligibility criteria established by DCH.

Anyone who receives a Family Independence Program (FIP) check, anyone who gets a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check and anyone who qualified based on income/asset guidelines and is under 21, pregnant, age 65 or older, blind or a parent or close relative living with a child who is under 18, or is 18, enrolled in high school full time and expected to graduate before age 19, is eligible for Medicaid.

To receive Medicaid a person does not have to be a United States citizen or have permanent resident status, however, certain aliens may be restricted to emergency Medicaid services only.

A person must be a Michigan resident or living in Michigan to work which includes migrant workers.

Most people who get Medicaid must join a health plan. Once an applicant has been

approved, Michigan Enrolls contacts them about health plan choices and provides information about coverage.

Medicaid is often confused with Medicare, a federal health care program run by the Social Service Administration. A person may receive Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid may help pay expenses not covered by Medicare.

Healthy Kids is a Medicaid program that provides health care coverage for pregnant women, infants and children to help them stay healthy. Healthy Kids covers women during pregnancy and the first two months after the pregnancy ends.

Infants may be eligible for up to one year after birth. Children may be covered up to age 19.

Applicants for Medicaid programs, including Healthy Kids are made at any local Family Independence Agency office in person or by mail.

For Inkster residents, the office is located at 27407 Hamlin Blvd., Inkster, Mich. 48141. Information is available by calling the Medicaid information line at 1-800-642-3195.

To have an application form mailed to you, please call 313-277-4800 and follow the recorded instructions.

MICChild is a health insurance program for the uninsured children of Michigan's working families. MICChild is administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health and services are provided by HMO's and other health care plans.

If a child qualifies for MICChild, the monthly premium is \$5. If a family has more than one child, the premium is still \$5. There are no co-pays or deductibles. Applications are available by calling 1-888-988-6300. People with hearing disabilities may also call the TTY number, 1-888-263-5897.

Ex-IBM official retires

By MAUDE REID
MCN Special Writer

Former Inkster resident Levertis Wesley Grant has made it official - he's retired from a busy and successful career at the IBM Corporation. His retirement celebration, sponsored by IBM, took place at the Big Fish Resuratrant in Dearborn.

Levertis's sister planned the festivities and celebration.

In attendance at his celebration was his manager, Danny Anderson. Others in attendance included his lovely wife, Emille; daughters Angela and Candice; mother-in-law, Jimmie Frazier; sister Francine McRipley, and Celestine Sanders; brothers Spencer and Marlon Grant; brother-in-law, Dr. Clarence McRipley; nieces and nephews; Dr. Monique McRipley, Lisa and Jason McRipley, Michael and Mishelle Sanders.

Levertis is a graduate of Inkster High School, Philander-Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, and he completed studies at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Meek Milton Elementary School Principal Mary Moss helps Kierra Dallas present a Valentine's Day card to volunteers from the Michigan Family Independence Agency Inkster District. Officials believe that Valentine's Day was a fitting occasion for the opening of the school's "post office" project, designed to promote writing skills for students. As the community sponsor for the project, FIA staff donated cards, stamps, stickers, as well as many volunteer hours in the classrooms. The Honorary Postmaster for the ceremony was James Colts (pictured at left) whose wife is a first-grade teacher at Meek. Kierra is a pre-kindergarten pupil. **Story in Section A, Page 5**



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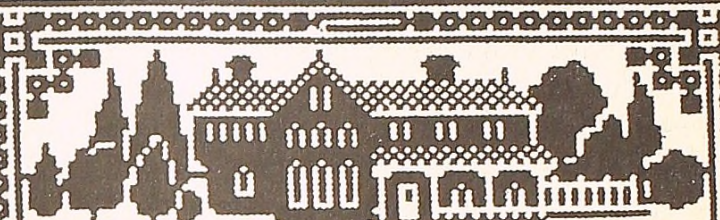
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Inkster school officials did right by hiring Edison Project

When it comes to Inkster Schools, veteran writer and Inkster watcher Tom Mooradian and I have totally different viewpoints. We both agree action needs to be taken, but the type of action, there's where we differ.

Mooradian says the State ought to step in and fund Inkster Schools' deficits. He lays the blame squarely on Governor Engler's broad shoulders and thinks the new policies of his administration over the last six years will destroy public schools.

I think the State is the last solution Inkster wants to consider. Surely, if the State were to step in, local autonomy, as in Detroit, would be lost. Mayor Hampton might end up running the schools, or more likely, Inkster would become a part of the Wayne-Westland school district.

Mooradian thinks the School Board ought to be recalled for what he calls a gutless decision to hire a for profit company to operate the school system. He sees disaster. He sees long term school teachers being fired and the demise of union representation.

I think the School Board acted courageously. They had few choices and no money to pay off their deficit. They knew a state takeover was eminent and wanted Inkster students to go to Inkster Schools, not Wayne-Westland. To choose the Edison Project to operate the school system is indeed bold and unusual, but the School Board remains intact to oversee and fire Edison if they don't like what they see.

Mooradian says the Edison Project is incapable of running a school system. They have operated schools in

the past with mixed results but a whole system they have attempted only once, and that was in Minnesota with lousy results.

I think Mooradian's arguments have merit, but why look a gift horse in the mouth? Edison promises to pay off the deficit and pour millions of dollars into the school system. They promise every pupil will have a computer. If they don't live up to their promises Mooradian will be there to record and the School Board will act responsibly and give the Edison Project the boot.

Mooradian worries that this is the beginning of the end of public schools.

I don't see it. Most schools in Western Wayne and in suburban Detroit are healthy both financially and academically. Through years of mismanagement, Inkster has seen its viability erode. The advent of charter schools has taken hundreds of students out of Inkster. That coupled with the fact that Inkster is a tiny district among big fishes, has not made life easy for the once vibrant school system.

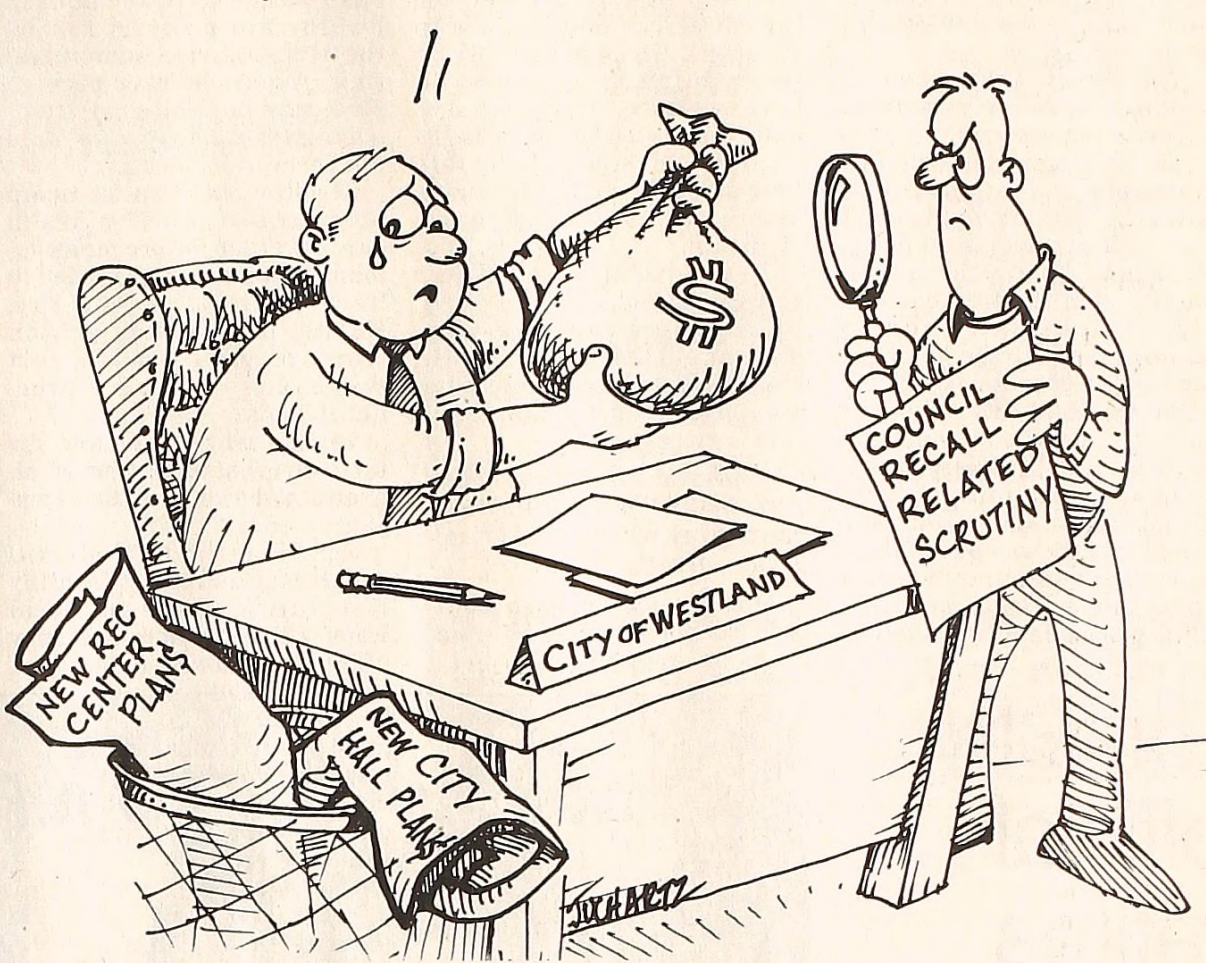
Let me point out that Tom Mooradian is usually right. We have bet for coffee on numerous occasions over the last several years and I would trade his winning percentage with mine any day. But being the optimist I always am. I'm hoping this time I win the coffee. Inkster deserves to have its own school system and I'm praying that the Edison Project can operate a system we all, even Mooradian, can be proud of.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

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Protesters ignored school election

In a monster movie, unless the hero or heroine destroys the monster and its breeding grounds, you know there will be a sequel.

If Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory survives, there's bound to be a *Son of Frankenstein* and a *Bride of Frankenstein*.

Apparently this fact of life escaped the leaders of Westland's city call recall movement. Out to remove four city council members, the recall group just missed a chance to drain the black lagoon where city council creatures breed: the Wayne-Westland school board.

At last count, the school board had produced five of the seven city council members, including all four of the recall targets.

Yet when Monday's 4 p.m. school board election candidate filing deadline expired, no recall members had filed to run in the June 12 election, when two seats will be up for grabs.

Instead, the four seats will be contested by Lee Ann Deniston, appointed board member Richard Eisiminger, Cynthia Schofield, and perennial candidate Marshall Wright.

While I don't know anything about Ms. Deniston, the other three candidates represent the status quo, especially Eisiminger, who spoke against the recall divisiveness, called for unity, and praised the council recall targets' goals for the city at a recent city council meeting. Since then, three of the targeted council members flip-flopped on their major goal, building a new city hall and recreation center, and took up the recall group's goal, lowering taxes and spending remaining tax revenues on improving roads and

city services, without a peep from Eisiminger.

Eisiminger's failure to denounce the three council members for selling him out, and Eisiminger's failure to unify with the council and recall group behind the tax reduction and plans to improve roads and city services, says volumes about his political allegiances and his sincerity about unity. He's for the status quo, whether or not they flip-flop, and against the reformers, right or wrong. In other words, he's attached to Westland's political machine that the recall group is trying to dump.

Likewise Cynthia Schofield served with Eisiminger on a committee that helped pass a \$108.3 million bond issue for remodeling school buildings and installing a district-wide computer network for students and staff.

While the bond has done nothing to benefit student performance, the bond has served as a convenient shield for the school board to hide its poor job. Instead of working to replace easygoing "progressive" teaching methods with rigorous drill and a return to basics, the board has redefined its mission as overseeing the spending of the bond. That's it. Spend the bond. Forget improved student performance. Protect the status quo.

Full of good intentions, Marshall Wright has never contradicted



Ivan Helfman

ed the school boards' priorities. Progressive education is no less his bag than the school boards. Though he's not part of Eisiminger and recall target Councilman David Cox's clique, he's certainly no threat to the status quo.

With the possible exception of Lee Ann Deniston, Wayne-Westland schools will remain in need of reform for two more years, and the school board seems doomed to remain a spawning ground for Westland's ruling political machine.

By ignoring the school board elections, the recall movement lost a lot of credibility by blowing a chance to demonstrate its commitment to the betterment of the community. By sticking to recalling four city council members, the recall appears to be a one-trick pony. Real reform means cleaning up the entire community, especially its worse problem, Wayne-Westland schools, which short-changes too many students.

At worst, without the recall drive the city council majority would have cost citizens an extra \$85 a year to pay for empire building. But the mayor and council majority wisely backed down from their grand building plans, leaving only two serious issues on the table: reducing extravagant employee perks and compensating former Clerk Pat Gibbons, who was apparently dismissed for whistle blowing.

But the Wayne-Westland school board, which oversees significantly more than money than Westland's city council, directly affects 14,500 students each day. Real reform, like city council careers, must start there.

Romulus will be a changing

The political world in Romulus will be a changing...a growing number of residents are vowing enthusiastically.

They cite three key factors happening now or about to occur:

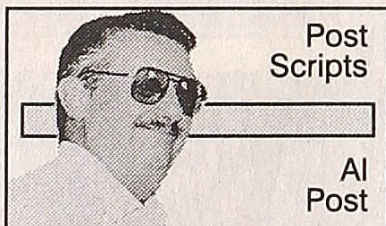
1-The aging of the elected officials.

2-The pending growth of upper middle class homeowners and tenants.

3-The change of destination locations of Northwest Airlines flights...with a growing number in China and other oriental sites.

Conversations with local residents lead to the increasing feeling that two or more of the current city council members may retire next year.

That if the state or voters reject the pending three city referenda, an unmentioned to date candidate may even challenge the current Oakley administration on the issue that it has lost communica-



Post Scripts

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tion with the public.

Various sources also feel that once the planned housing boom takes flower - and more high middle income families (including professionals of various types) begin living in Romulus - a whole new pattern of political candidates will begin seeking office.

These current residents are also looking at creating an improvement in communications within the city as well as improved recreation programs for youth and adults.

There is talk of creating new citizen pressure groups - something between the scopes of a RE-

CAP effort and a League of Women's Voters.

And finally with even Gov. John Engler and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer excited over the Michigan trade possibilities with China...various local sources feel that could also lead to an influx or oriental families moving closer to Detroit Metro Airport because of the increased physical and business needs adjacent to the trade zone.

They state what is closer to the airport than Romulus?

It won't be the first time that housing developments changed the business, social and residential complexion of a city.

Thus it may no longer be a battle between "old and new" Romulus - since those changes brought about in the early 80's have already been blurred.

It will be talk of the new millennium.

Why not legal protection for adulterers?

The gay community in South-eastern Michigan is up in arms over a couple of developments perceived by them as "anti-gay."

Mayor Tom McMillin of Auburn Hills is leading a fight to defeat city ordinances designed to give gays legal protection against discrimination as well as repealing such ordinances in cities that have already passed them.

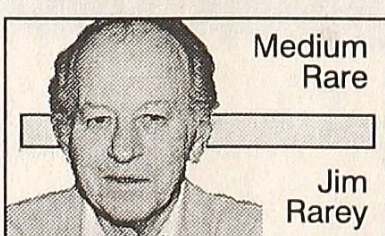
McMillin's group (Oakland County Residents for Equal Rights Not Special Rights) was the deciding factor in narrowly defeating such an ordinance in Ferndale. He is now turning his attention to an ordinance proposed in Royal Oak. In the Ferndale contest, the group was financed by the large national group American Family Association.

To add fuel to the fire, Royal

Oak has been experiencing above average disturbances at two liquor serving establishments frequented by gays. An obscure 1965 ordinance has been discovered (although not being enforced) that prohibits such establishments from being frequented by or become meeting places for "prostitutes, homosexuals, vagrants or any person known to engage in drugs or other illegal activities."

Gay activists want the reference to homosexuals stricken from the ordinance. No spokesperson for prostitutes has yet come forward.

Many Christians accept the Bible's description of homosexuality as an "abomination" and oppose any laws aimed at granting social acceptance to it. But then the Bible also describes adultery as an abomination including it in



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

the top 10 of God's laws (the 10 Commandments), where homosexuality is not. Why is there no national movement to protect adulterers from discrimination?

The obvious answer is that adultery has become, not just socially acceptable, but even glorified in soap operas, movies, and videos. Adultery needs no "protection" because there is no discrimination. Indeed, the top elected official in the land is an admitted adulterer (and probably a rapist)

but maintains his popularity because people mistakenly believe he is somehow responsible for the current economic prosperity.

The president has one open homosexual in his cabinet. The first lady crusades for the United Nations Covenant on the Rights of Children, which (among other things) would lower the legal age of sexual consent to 12. This is vigorously supported by a bunch of pedophiles organized as NAM-BLA (the North American Man Boy Love Association), a rarely mentioned part of the informal gay/lesbian movement.

All of this proves that man's effort to enforce the Bible's code of morality with laws is doomed to failure. However, God will have the last word on that subject.



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Letters from readers

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Charter schools are public schools that fill a different need

To the Editor:

Your article dated March 2, 2000 was most interesting. I agree public education is at a crossroad, but it is not how well public schools triumph over charter schools because Charter schools are public schools.

Rather, the crossroad is that, just like in business, it takes several different approaches to serve all the public needs. Take newspapers, for example...community papers fulfill a need as do the big dailies. Large businesses fill most of our retail needs, but occasionally we require the services of small specialty stores. Educational environments that meet the individual needs of children will better equip them for life and ultimately better our society.

No one has all the right answers or the means to educate our most important asset, our youth. However, Michigan Automotive Academy takes pride in our many successes and looks forward to serving the area's young people for many years to come. I cordially invite you to visit our school and see first-hand how an automotive based charter school and see first-hand how an automotive based charter school prepares high school students for their future careers in the automotive industry.

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Sincerely,
Ken Navarre, Board President
Michigan Automotive Academy
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Romulus officials should have muzzled "Taylors hotheads" at MDEQ hearing

To the Editor:

I have served as a Romulus councilman longer than anyone else and I know for a fact what the responsibilities of our elected city officials are:

I have watched the recent site review board hearings over EDS' injection well project and especially the antics of Mr. Basham, Mr. Priebe, Mr. Boike and Mr. Pitoniak who are all from Taylor.

EDS' project is in Romulus and so the purpose of the site review board was to sort out what community protections and benefits Romulus, not Taylor, was entitled to receive.

Right or wrong, Romulus, not Taylor has spent more than \$1 million fighting EDS and has had to sacrifice community improvements and infra-

structure as a result.

Instead, the site review board was effectively manipulated by "Taylors hotheads" who ended up refusing to bargain for what Romulus was rightfully entitled to. Now the State of Michigan is stuck with the job and will, in its sole discretion, make that determination. Frankly, I doubt that there is any sympathy left on the part of our MDEQ officials after having been insulted over and over by the "Taylor hotheads".

But what is even worse, is the fact that Romulus' officials did not even try to protect the principle of "Home Rule" for Romulus and thus a say in our own destiny. Instead they delegated the responsibility to career politicians from Taylor, not Romulus, and simply sat back and watched as "Taylor hotheads" killed any chance for such say.

The good citizens' of Romulus deserve better from their elected officials.

Jimmie C. Raspberry

Taxpayers won't get stuck with \$300,000 subsidy

To the Editor:

As a resident, homeowner and taxpayer of the community of Wayne, I feel compelled to say something. I would like to share some of my views and opinions with the citizens of Wayne.

This is a new century, and with that our community has embarked on a positive approach to welcome much medical changes. The credit needs to be given to those who are responsible for keeping an 8.5 million project in our community. I'm speaking of course, in regards to the Newberry Square project. I commend Mayor Robert Dickerson, Mayor Pro- Tem Pam Dobrowolski, Councilmembers Shirley Powser and Beverly Shackelford. These elected officials took a stand for what would benefit our city.

The Dickerson administration has taken a positive direction to guide this community, and also to revitalize the downtown area.

It seems there are those residents who are greatly mistaken about where the \$300,000 is coming from. Let me reassure you, that this money is not coming from residential taxpayer money. It is coming from the downtown development authority. Which I may inform you, Ford Motor Company contributes roughly 80% of D.D.A.

It is my opinion, that councilwoman Donna McEachern blatantly misrepresented the actual truth where the money was coming from. Is the serving the will of the people? To misinform the people of this community? I believe not.

While I'm on the subject of Councilwoman McEachern; a concerned resident of Wayne, Mrs. Vicki Hamlet was speaking at the podium at the March

expressing her opinions about the CVS project at Newburgh and Glenwood, and how it will have a negative impact where she lives. Mrs. Hamlet, along with others had fought a violent fight to keep CVS out. While she was speaking, Councilwoman McEachern sat in her chair and just rolled her eyes, made silly little facial expressions. Being totally disrespectful to a taxpayer and resident. Unless you attend council meetings, you won't understand what I'm telling you. The home viewing audience doesn't see how Councilwoman McEachern conducts herself. All you can hear on the taped council meeting is McEachern letting out a bored "sigh".

Let me turn your attention to this. It seems that there is at least one building owner on Michigan Avenue that will reap the rewards from the streetscape project. The building owner? Is a sitting councilman. He is asking roughly \$400,000 for his building which is situated right in the downtown area. I wonder if he would publicly come forth and state exactly how much he bought this building for and what is the current S.E.V. (state equalized value) on it. Wouldn't that be interesting? This same councilman was against re-assessment of commercial properties, but yet he was for the re-assessment of our residential properties. Is that fair? Is this serving the will of the people? Could it be that this councilman was against the commercial re-assessments because I'm just a concerned citizen "speaking from my heart".

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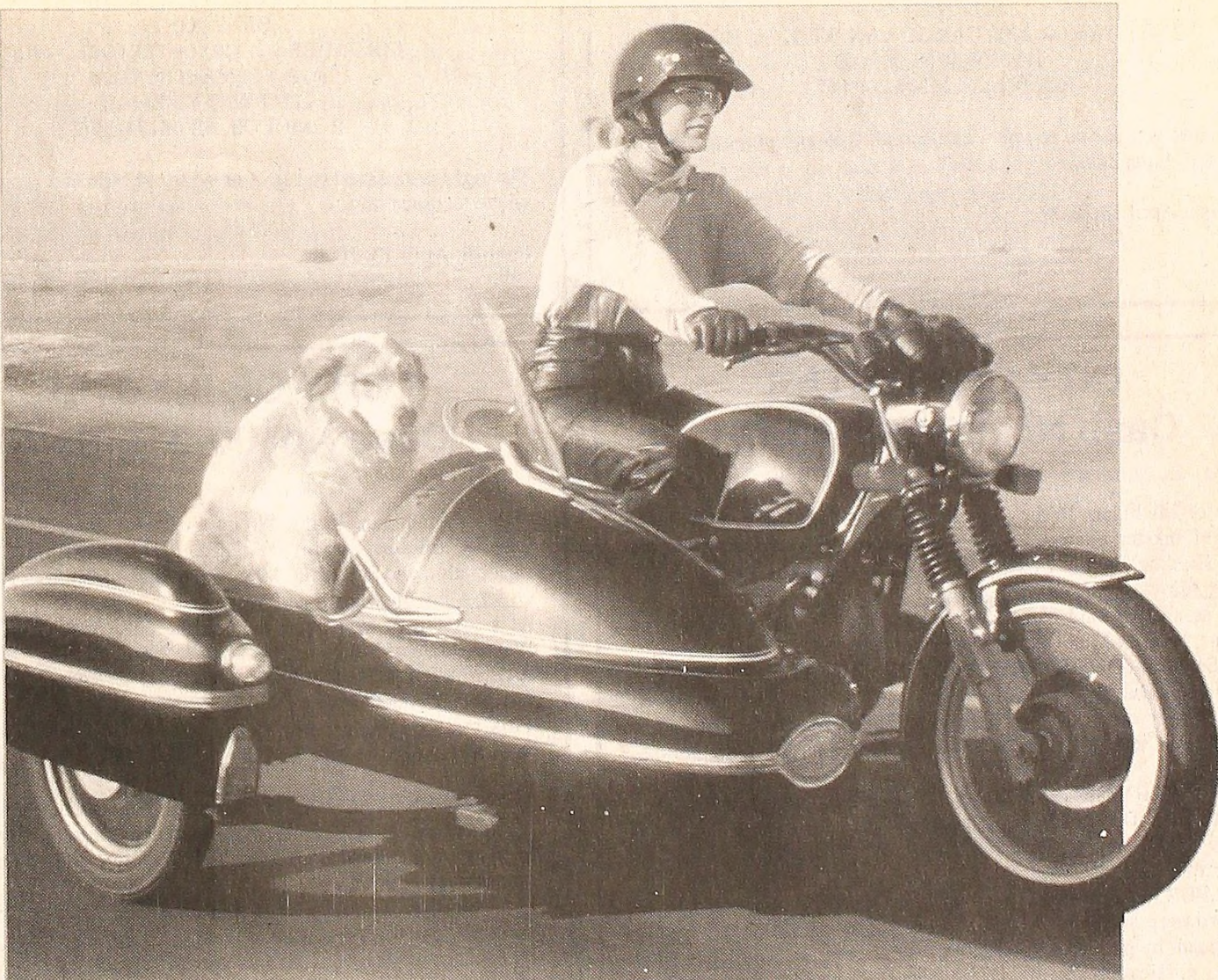
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Case No. 00-006153-CH**

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. Pritpal Sidhu, FUNB Custodian for H.R. Holding Co. and FUNB Natacq, Inc., et al Defendants.

Order Allowing Substituted Service.

At a session of said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on April 7, 2000.
PRESENT: HONORABLE MICHAEL F. SAPALA, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendant in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant shall appear before the Honorable Michael F. Sapala in room 701 of the Wayne Circuit Court at 9:00 a.m. on May 2, 2000 to show cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

Michael F. Sapala
Circuit Court Judge

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Seniors on the go

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Bedell's secretary slated to retire

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Doreen McEvilly, one of the area's top executive secretaries, will be retiring in June, following 20 years of service to Romulus Superintendent Dr. William Bedell.

McEvilly claims she enjoyed "every minute" of her 31 years of work as a secretary.

She has served 24 years as a secretary to school superintendents and declares "I felt that it was my job to assist the superintendent in any way possible in order to make his job function smoother."

When citizens called the school board office, McEvilly felt "it usually was a matter of last resort."

If the caller was upset, she would listen first, try to have the situation explained and then would respond "what would you like me to do to help you?"

That usually calmed them down, she said, and would make them more comfortable with her.

She claims most of those she has worked with have been "wonderful people. If they trusted you, if they felt you

were a friend and they were comfortable with you, you could make great strides in problem solving."

McEvilly also has served as office manager of the board of-



Doreen McEvilly

fice's secretarial pool. That aspect required special extra attention on key projects.

The most exciting "was the passage of the 1990 bond issue that resulted in the redoing of the schools with all the new technology," she said.

"cheerleader" for local employees, as she often is seen encouraging them and celebrating their accomplishments.

While extremely busy at her workplace, McEvilly said her position with the Romulus

Both McEvilly and Bedell will be honored from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 4 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

An added chemistry level of dealing with the many different personalities of school board members down through the years also was listed as one of her plusses.

She would often have to call or fax them materials requested by Bedell and prepare the twice-a-month board packets prior to the trustee meetings.

McEvilly said the "highlight of my career" was being selected to be Bedell's secretary. That has led to a rewarding 20-year professional relationship that surpasses most.

She also has called a

schools also "afforded me the opportunity to do things with my family that I otherwise could not have done."

She and her husband, Don, have two sons, Michael and Matthew; a daughter, Erin; and eight grandchildren.

The family has already purchased a new truck and deluxe camper rig and have plans to do some extensive traveling in coming years.

Both McEvilly and Bedell will be honored from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 4 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Contact Carole Bales at 734-941-1600 for more information.

**A. CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 99/00-79**

**COMPUTER SOFTWARE PERFORMANCE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

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- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., May 2, 2000. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-79
COMPUTER SOFTWARE PERFORMANCE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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Publish: April 13, 2000

**CITY OF INKSTER
Case No. 00-006155-CH**

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. Southwest Block Club Order Association and Holy City Missionary Baptist Church, Defendants.

Order Allowing Substituted Service.

At a session of said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on April 7, 2000.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MICHAEL F. SAPALA, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendant in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that substituted service be made in accordance with MCR 2.105 and 2.106 to serve aforesaid Defendant by posting at his last known address, by First Class Mail and by publication and that Defendants shall Answer the Complaint by April 28, 2000.

The Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendant and all other persons who may claim an interest in the following property in order to seek an abatement of a nuisance by demolition of the property located at 29249 Carlysle, legally described as: Lots 1, 2 and 3, and the north 0.30 feet of lot 4, Spector Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 86, page 23 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant shall appear before the Honorable Michael F. Sapala in room 701 of the Wayne Circuit Court at 9:00 a.m. on May 2, 2000 to show cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

Michael F. Sapala
Circuit Court Judge

(A true copy)
Teola P. Hunter, Clerk
Milton Spokojny (P-20854)
Attorney for Plaintiff
30500 Northwestern Hwy., Ste.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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**A. CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 99/00-80**

UPDATE 20 SCOTT 2.2 FIFTY SERIES PASS DEVICES

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BID 99/00-80
UPDATE 20 SCOTT 2.2 FIFTY SERIES PASS DEVICES
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ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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Publish: April 13, 2000

**CITY OF INKSTER
Case No. 00-006154-CH**

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. Southwest Block Club Association, Melvin A. Berry and Nellie F. Berry, Defendants.

Order Allowing Substituted Service

At a session of said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on April 7, 2000.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MICHAEL F. SAPALA, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendants in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that substituted service be made in accordance with MCR 2.105 and 2.106 to serve aforesaid Defendants by posting at his last known address, by First Class Mail and by publication and that Defendants shall Answer the Complaint by April 28, 2000.

The Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendants and all other persons who may claim an interest in the following property in order to seek an abatement of a nuisance by demolition of the property located at 3620 Harrison, legally described as: Lot 1061, Dearborn Acres Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 33, page 79 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants shall appear before the Honorable Michael F. Sapala in room 701 of the Wayne Circuit Court at 9:00 a.m. on May 2, 2000 to Show Cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

Michael F. Sapala
Circuit Court Judge

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BRITTON, RITA V.
Age 64, of Romulus. Passed away on April 1, 2000. Dear wife of Samuel. Beloved mother of Barbara. Survived by brother Chuck, 2 sisters Barbara and Rose, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter Rita Ann. Services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with interment at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home.

COLWELL, CHERI J.
Age 31, of Westland. Passed away on April 3, 2000. Beloved mother of Christopher and Ashley. Survived by

parents Loren and Betty, and grandparents Ray and Louella. Services were held at Ward Presbyterian Church with interment at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

FRANKLIN, WILLIAM G.
Age 81, of Taylor. Passed away on March 30, 2000. Dear husband of Alice. Beloved mother of Janice. Survived by 2 sisters Myrtle and Ruth, and 4 grandsons. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Sheldon Cemetery, Canton.

KEHRER, MARY E.
Age 74, of Ypsilanti. Passed away on March 30, 2000. Beloved mother of Sandra(Richard) and Ronald(Laurie). Survived by sister Esther, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

KITZMILLER, CHARLES
Age 58, of Westland. Passed away on April 6, 2000. Dear husband of Suzanne. Beloved father of Charles(Julie), Kimberly, and Christy(Michael). Survived by 3 sisters

Harriet, Ellen, and Elizabeth, and 5 grandchildren. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

LICATA, ANTHONY C.
Age 81. Passed away on March 23, 2000. Dear husband of nearly 60 years of Marion. Beloved father of Susan(Edward). Survived by 1 brother Roy, 1 grandchild Krista, and 1 brother-in-law Richard(Nancy). Under the direction of Simon Javizian Funeral Home, funeral services took place at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, MI.

LOWHORN, GEORGE S.
Age 76, of Belleville. Passed away on April 4, 2000. Dear husband of Leila. Beloved father of Ronnie(Ruth ann), Wanda(Glenn), Rosa(Gerald), Jack(Debra), and Jerry(Jennifer). Survived by siblings Elizabeth(Alfred), Lura, Judy, Arthur, Christine, and Rosaline(Bill). 16 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park,

Canton.

NAULT, MARY L.
Age 50, of Huron. Passed away on April 2, 2000. Dear wife of Gerald. Beloved mother of Alan and Michelle. Survived by parents Frank and Elizabeth, 2 sisters Beverly(Ronald) and Cynthia(Robert), 1 brother David(Tammy). Services were held at St. Stephens Catholic Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

NEWMAN, CALVIN C
Age 73, of Westland. Passed away on April 6, 2000. Dear husband of Myrtle. Beloved father of Cheryl(Anthony), Denise, Lisa, James, and John. Survived by parents Walter and Cora, 2 sisters Pauline(Charles) and Lois, 1 brother Clarence(Ann), 10 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Services were held at Merriman Road Baptist Church with interment at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Arrangements by the Uht Funeral Home.

RAKOCZY, STELLA C.
Age 89, of Garden City(formerly of) Raber, MI. Survived by 1 sister Marie

Stefanski. Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

SCAMP, JIM O
Age 60, of Westland. Passed away on April 2, 2000. Dear husband of Virginia. Beloved mother of Joe, Thomas, Timothy, and Renee(Robert). Survived by mother Ethel, brother Norman, sister Barbara, and 3 grandchildren. Services were held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home.

TURNER, PATSY E.
Age 61, of Inkster. Dear wife of Bernard. Beloved mother of Linda(Mark). Survived by 3 grandchildren. Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

WALLACE, RUTH J.
Age 86, of Chelsea. Passed away on April 6, 2000. Beloved mother of James(Judy) and Gerald(Jacky). Survived by sister Ester, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THE City Council met at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 20, 2000 and at 6:41 p.m., at City Hall on Wednesday, March 22, 2000. Present on both dates: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Bostedor, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. ABSENT: None.
MARCH 20th: Consent Calendar items approved: Minutes 3/6/00 (Regular); Pension Payroll for \$81,570.58. MADE the following appointments: Madison Guest to the Community Development Advisory Committee; Christopher Crawley and Tony McKinnie to the Cable Commission; James Milledge to the Downtown Development Authority. APPROVED the following payments: \$11,542.75 to Milton Spokojny; \$585.88 to Wade-Trim; \$52,182.27 to Wade-Trim; \$7,470.00 to Hamilton Anderson Associates. AUTHORIZED Community Development Staff to temporarily approve Block Grants. DENIED change of zoning for property commonly known as 3249 Inkster Road. AUTHORIZED Administration to conduct public auction on Saturday, June 24, 2000. APPROVED Offers to Purchase City-owned property (vacant lots); \$2,105.00 to Barbara A. Daniels; \$252.00 to Charles & Gerolean Ransaw. APPROVED payments of \$3,000.00 and \$2,500.00 to Willis Corroon. CLOSED session to discuss sale of property. RETURNED to open session. AUTHORIZED lease of real property from Capital Construction. MEETING adjourned at 9:29 p.m. (Full text available upon request). **MARCH 22nd:** EVALUATION of City Manager. Totals from Evaluation Appraisal calculated with a score of 7 (Exceeds Requirements). City Manager given an \$8,000.00 raise, effective immediately. MEETING adjourned at 9:35 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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Gifting Clubs: a new twist to the age-old pyramid scheme

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Do you have a friend or family member who wants to "let you in on the ground floor" of a fantastic business opportunity? Think twice if the opportunity involves making an initial "gift." According to the Better Business Bureau, pyramid schemes are resurfacing with a new twist. The latest versions are called "gifting clubs" or "giving." To join the club, consumers are asked to make a contribution to the highest-ranking members, with titles such as captain or chairperson.

Gifting club promoters usually target closely-knit social and religious organizations, encouraging participants to bring in friends and relatives

to help them assume a higher position in the ranks. In reality the clubs are nothing more than illegal pyramid schemes.

The problem is, like most pyramid schemes, illegal gifting clubs must continually recruit ever-increasing numbers of members to survive. When the supply of people runs out, the pyramid collapses, and most people at the bottom of the pyramid lose their money.

If you're approached about joining a club but you aren't sure if it's an illegal gifting club, the BBB and the Federal Trade Commission remind you to:

* Consider that a legitimate gift has no strings attached and is not an "investment."

* Avoid being misled into thinking a gifting club is legitimate because the ads say that

members consider their payments a gift and expect nothing in return. This is an attempt to make an illegal transaction look legal.

* Be wary of success stories or testimonials of tremendous payoffs. Very few members of illegal gifting clubs or pyramid schemes ever receive any

money.

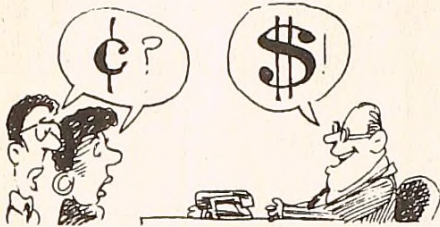
* Take your time. Don't buckle under to a high-pressure sales pitch that requires you to join immediately or risk losing out on the opportunity. Remember, solid opportunities - and solid friendships - aren't formed through nerve-racking tactics.

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-81

TWENTY (20) MINITOR III PAGES

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CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-81
TWENTY (20) MINITOR III PAGERS
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-82

FOUR (4) OVERHEAD BY DOORS AT
FIRE STATION #1 - 37230 NORTHLINE ROAD

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-82
FOUR (4) OVERHEAD BY DOORS AT
FIRE STATION #1 - 37230 NORTHLINE ROAD
11111 WAYNE ROAD
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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-83

DIAGNOSTIC VOLT-AMP TESTER

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 99/00-83
DIAGNOSTIC VOLT-AMP TESTER
11111 WAYNE ROAD
ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-84

RIM CLAMP TIRE CHANGER

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BID 99/00-84
RIM CLAMP TIRE CHANGER
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ROMULUS, MI 48174-1472

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-85

LATHE ENCLOSURE

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LATHE ENCLOSURE
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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99/00-86

DRUM/DISC LATHE

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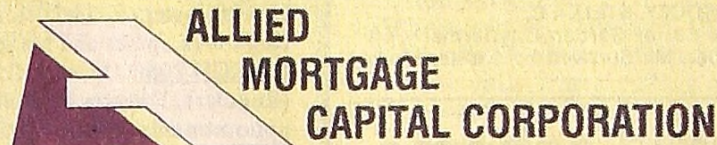
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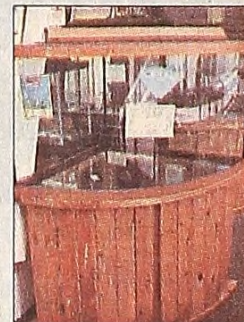
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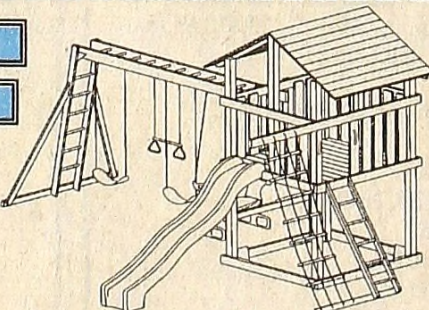
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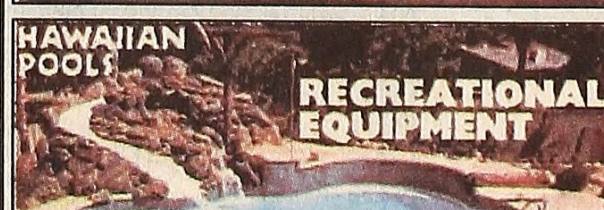
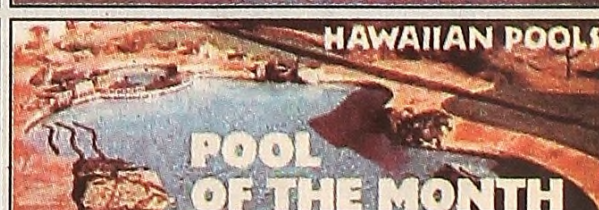
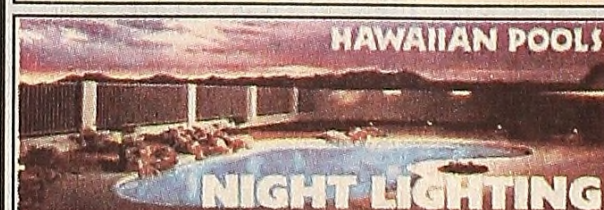
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SPORTS

Cold and windy start

Weather tosses local high school baseball teams a curveball

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With temperatures fighting to stay above freezing, local high school baseball and softball teams took to the field last week not only to face opponents but also bitter cold.

Some teams and coaches were also greeted with winds that reached 40 miles an hour; others had to contend with

snow later in the week.

"It wasn't the best way to start a season," said Glenn's Todd Duffield. "The weather man definitely didn't cooperate."

In Glenn's case, neither did Garden City.

Garden City and its ace hurler, Justin Ockerman ruined Glenn's baseball opener 8-2.

Ockerman tossed a three-

hitter against the Rockets, struck out a 11 and walked two to collect the non-conference victory. He outdueled Glenn's starter, Jeff Mitchell, who pitched 2 2/3 innings before Duffield called for Brian Toth to take the mound.

"Garden City has an excellent team this year," said Duffield, who is in his fifth season as head coach. "But I felt a

couple of mental errors, like not executing a rundown in the fourth, and misjudging a fly ball were very costly.

"We have a young team this year, but that's no excuse," Duffield offered.

In his 2 2/3 innings on the mound, Mitchell was tagged for three hits and four runs. He struck out two and also walked three. Toth gave up four hits and three runs that GC put on

the board in the top of the seventh.

Glenn scored its first run of the season and the millennium in the bottom of the fourth when Danny Fedulchek walked, was wild-pitched to second and advanced to third on an infielder's error.

The Rockets cashed in on Josh Day's single for their final run of the game. Day moved to

second when Ockerman unleashed a wild pitch and scored as Fedulchek laced his second hit of the game.

Glenn is back in action today, hosting Livonia Stevenson. They were scheduled to play Farmington on Monday and Harrison on Wednesday. They'll head for Belleville on Saturday for a doubleheader with the Tigers.

Glenn coach Schuette resigns

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland School District has suffered its second major coaching setback in as many weeks.

Basketball coach Mike Schuette said Sunday night he has submitted his resignation to Jerry Szukaitis, Glenn athletic director. Schuette offered as a reason for the resignation that he would like to spend more time with his family.

Schuette's resignation comes in the wake of a surprise announcement last week by Wayne Memorial's coach, Chuck Henry, who said that he would not be returning to the team next season.

Schuette pointed out that he had been planning to resign for some time.

"It's time now to step down and allow someone else to take over," said Schuette. "I have had some great seasons



After eight years, Mike Schuette (above) has resigned as head basketball coach at Westland John Glenn.

and some great kids in our programs.

"And, yes, I know I may miss it, but I also have a family and children who I would like to spend more time with."

Schuette said he was envious of parents who had an

opportunity to watch their kids compete, and he had children who also were involved in sports but, because of his coaching responsibilities, he was not able to attend their games.

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Romulus gets off to 3-0 start in baseball

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Taking a cue from the Romulus High football and basketball teams, which had tremendous success during the 1999-2000 seasons, coach Keith Brothers and the Eagles knocked off a highly-respected Ypsilanti, 7-4, to stretch their baseball winning streak to a modest 3-0 on Saturday.

Romulus "mercied" Detroit Arts and Communications in a doubleheader in their season's opener last week. The Eagles disposed of the DPL representative 17-1 in the first game, then came back in the nightcap to whip their non-conference opponents, 14-1.

Both games were called after three complete innings under the "mercy rule". The MHSAA rule permits an umpire to end the contest once a team has compiled a 10 or more run advantage.

Brothers, in his second year as head coach, said he was pleased at the early efforts by his players.

"Most of these kids are juniors, but they were starters a year ago," Brothers added. "I feel we have a solid core of young athletes who are dedicated to getting the job done."

Belcher then doubled home the first two runs of the game.

Against Ypsi, the Eagles got a three-hit pitching performance from starter Dennis Landskroener who received some help from reliever Aaron Brohl.

Landskroener worked the first 5 2/3 innings, fanned five while issuing five bases on balls to wind up with his second decision of the season. He also was tagged for two hits and three of the four runs, none of which were earned.

Brohl notched three strikeouts and walked two in relief.

Romulus put three runs on the scoreboard in the first inning as Brohl walked, got to second on a wild pitch and moved to third when Ryan Block's hard-hit liner to center field was misplayed by the outfielder.

Belcher then doubled home the first two runs of the game. With Belcher on second, Ricky

Foster walked, and Belcher scored on an infield error.

Belcher collected a single, double, triple and sacrificed, while scoring three times against the Braves. Block scored twice after getting aboard on a double and a walk.

Block also pitched the opener against Detroit and in the three innings held the Detroiters to one hit, whiffed five and walked only one batter.

In the lopsided 17-1 opener, Landskroener put together a single, double and tripled and also walked for a perfect day.

Block chipped in a double and a single while Foster drilled a home run in his first appearance at the plate in a varsity uniform. He also doubled and drove home three runs.

Belcher chalked up the victory against Detroit in the nightcap. He didn't allow a hit in his three-innings on the mound. The Romulus pitcher helped his own cause as he nailed a fastball that sailed over the centerfielder's head for a homer.

On Saturday, Brothers' Eagles will host Melvindale for a doubleheader scheduled to begin at noon.

Robichaud edges Wayne Memorial in track opener

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It wasn't easy, but Dearborn Heights Robichaud managed to make its debut Thursday a winning one in the Mega Conference, Blue Division track & field competition.

With Sheena Bullock prominently figuring in three of the seven Robichaud first places, coach Francis McCauley's Bulldogs edged Wayne Memorial, 66-63, in a windy and chilly opener.

Robichaud compiled a three-point cushion after the field events were completed, then managed to successfully protect that precarious lead throughout the track events thanks to a strong individual and relay performances by the Bulldogs.

Bullock, a senior captain ran a 29.3 to win the 200-meter

dash. She also teamed up with Dazania Ball, Lauren Trammel and Sierra James to cover the 400-meter relay in the winning time of 56.3.

Bullock, Jones and Ball, along with Marquel Scott, won the 800-meter relay. The four were clocked in 1:57.8.

Trammel helped the Eagles put the long jump and 300-meter hurdles events in the Robichaud "W" column. She

claimed a first in the long jump competition with a leap of 14 feet, 11 inches. She also cleared the 300-hurdles in 1:01.2. Teammate Jones was the fastest sprinter in the 100-meters. Her winning time was 13.2.

Robichaud's Sharisha Lampkins also got off to an excellent start as she led the field in the 400-meter dash (1:08.7) and also claimed the

high jump event with a 4 feet, 5 inch leap.

Other Robichaud winners included Maycona Booker who captured a first in the shot put with a toss of 26 feet, 5 inches. Samatha Allen covered the 800-meters in 2:47.

McCauley was pleased and surprised with his team's opening-day victory.

"I was truly impressed by some of the effort put forth by

members of the team," McCauley said. "Obviously we have to continue to improve in order to win."

"But, for an opener, it was relatively a good start for us."

Robichaud traveled to Romulus on Tuesday to take on the defending White Division champ in a crossover meet, and they will take on Southgate today at 4 p.m. in their second Blue Division encounter.

Wayne jolts Glenn in golf

With Allison Murphy and Nicole Nolan setting the pace, Wayne Memorial stunned natural rival, John Glenn, in their girls' golf match season's opener last week.

Murphy and Nolan surfaced as the match's co-medalists as both toured the nine-holes in identical 57s in a match staged at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Coach Carol Newton's lineup also includes golfers Amber Henn, Erin Scott, Annie Phillips and Kayla Slezak.

However, the Zebras ran up against a well-tuned Monroe machine in their next outing on their home course and fell to the Mega Conference powerhouse.

Henn posted the low-round for the Zebras.



They're hoop champs

Vanderberg's girls' basketball team posted a perfect 10-0 record in the Wayne's After-School Recreation Basketball Program and won the 1999-2000 championship thanks to a line-up that consisted of Aisha Muta (above, front row, from left) Andrea Walsh, Natasha Turner-Owens, Holly Panikk, Crystal Walker and Roberta Hardy; second row are team members Nicole Woodart, Susan Frederick, Aisha Moore, coach K. J., Saniyyah Langton, Sarquese Williams and Brittaney McFalling.

Western Lakes track champs to visit Glenn

Glenn track coach Jess Shough will attempt to regroup his Rockets in anticipation of today's invasion by a strong Walled Lake Central team, the defending Western Lakes Conference track & field champ.

"Central has several talented athletes returning off of last year's squad that won the title," said Shough, who began his 28th year as head coach at Glenn last week. "They definitely will be in contention again this year."

The two Western Lakes teams will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday at Glenn. The Rockets got off to a disappointing start last Thursday as Livonia Churchill posted a 105-32 victory over the Westlanders.

The Glenn-Churchill meet was closer than the final score would indicate. Glenn loss four of the relay events "at the wire."

"Losing those relays and not having much depth in the distances really hurt us, but this meet (with Churchill) was close, because we were right there at the finish in all four relays," Shough added.

Glenn received an outstanding all-around performance from junior Bennie Oliphant, who scored in four of the events. Oliphant placed first in the 400-meter dash (56.9). He was runner-up in the shot put event. He had a put of 37 feet, 2 3/4 inches, while he placed third in both the 200-meter dash (26.0) and the discus (100 feet, 5 inches).

Glenn also claimed the pole vault event thanks to Joe Reilly who successfully negotiated 9 feet, 6 inches for the victory. Reilly's teammate, Rob Gentry, posted a pair of second places, crossing the finish line in the 100-meter dash in 11.6 and leaping 17 feet, 8 inches in the long jump.

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MHSAA to pay tribute to 3 local high school sports officials

Among the 152 athletic game officials who will be honored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association next month are three local officials.

The officials who will be recognized for their contributions to interscholastic athletics include Westland's Donna Strang, who has officiating for 20 or more years and 30-year officials Russell Carlson and James Walsh. Wash and Carlson are from the Plymouth-Canton areas.

The 152 officials will be honored during the 21st annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet scheduled for 7 p.m. May 13 at the Sheraton Lansing.

MHSAA officials also noted that during the pro-

Among recipients of the award include Joe Brodie.

gram the recipient of the prestigious Vern L. Norris Award will be announced. The award, named for the former MHSAA executive director, will be presented to an official with more than 20 years experience who has been active in their officials' association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in officials' education.

Among recipients of the award include 1994 recipient, Joe Brodie, of Flat

Rock, whose is the father of Bob Brodie, longtime Plymouth-Salem basketball coach.

Other recipients include Ted Wilson of East Detroit (1992); Fred Briggs of Burton (1993); Jim Massar of Flint (1995); Jim Lamoreaux of St. Ignace (1996); Ken Myllyla of Ecanaba (1997); Blake Hagman of Kalamazoo (1998) and Richard Kalahar of Jackson, last year's winner.

With the induction of this year's select group, the honor roll of officials who have aided student-athletes grows to 4,539 since the inception of the program in 1979.

National Basketball As-

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Beasley leads Romulus to victory over Kennedy

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus began the year 2000 track season about where it left off the 1999 campaign, with an impressive victory.

Coach Norb Glover's Eagles flew past Taylor Kennedy 92-37 in a Mega Conference, Blue Division meet.

"For an opener it was a good meet for us," said Glover, whose 1999 club won the conference championship and went on to capture the coveted Class B state title. "We got an opportunity to get a look at a lot of people."

Coach Glover was extremely pleased with the performances of Calib Beasley, who managed to beat Ken-

For an opener it was a good meet for us.
- Coach Norb Glover

nedy's premier distance runner in the two-mile event.

Beasley led Pate to the wire.

Beasley also teamed up with Ashley Terry, Henry Staples and Umberto Camatho to post a Romulus victory in the 2-mile relay event. Glover's one-mile relay team of Beasley, Terry, Staples and Charles Searcy also won.

In sweeping the relay events, the Eagles picked up the 800-relay thanks to the efforts of Michael Woods, Sea-

rey, Ray Graves and Chris Talley, while the 400-relay foursome of Freddie Harpewr, Juan McClendon, Ray Graves and Woods coasted to victory.

Graves successfully cleared 6-feet to top the field of high jumpers, and he also led a Romulus sweep in the long jump event.

Led by David Jones, who leaped 20 feet, 6 inches to win the long jump, the Eagles swept the event when Graves finished second (19'8") and Joe Watson finished third (19'5").

Glover apparently has found a replacement for the graduated Carleton McCauley, who dominated the hurdles a year ago and

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Attention, junior softball players

Westland Youth Athletic Association officials are about to wrap up the registration phase of the year 2000 season, but before they can they would like to find a few more softball players for their junior leagues.

"We continuing to register players in the nine through 14 age group," said WYAA's Keith DeMolay, who handles publicity for the organization. "We're trying to tie the loose ends together to get ready for the openers."

DeMolay stressed that the WYAA is still signing up girls, ages nine 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 for the summer league.

Registration will be accepted from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10 to noon on Saturdays at the Lange Compound, located on Farmington Road, two blocks north of Ford Road.

Parents of prospective players who need more information should contact DeMolay. DeMolay can be reached by dialing 734/722-1251.

Coach

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"Now it's my turn to sit in the bleachers and watch them play."

The Schuettes have two children - Christopher and Mark, who attend Cranbrook where the coach's wife, Claudia, teaches.

Schuette, who has served as Glenn's head coach for the past eight years, is the first coach in the school's history to lead the team to a regional championship. That achievement occurred during the 1993-94 season when the Rockets compiled a 20-5 record and fell three victories short of the state championship. In the make-up of that team were such prominent players as Tony Goins, Guy Rucker, and Brent Washington who went on to star on the college level.

However, the Rockets posted a dismal 4-16 record for the 1999-2000 season.

Schuette will remain in the school district as a counselor at John Glenn, he added.

It is the first time in the history of the Wayne-Westland schools that both head basketball coaches in the district's two high schools have decided to step down at the same time.

Szukaitis was not available for comment on Monday, however, assistant AD, Craig Linderman, was. Linderman said the position has been posted.

"That (posting of the job) was done in accordance with the union contract," added Linderman.

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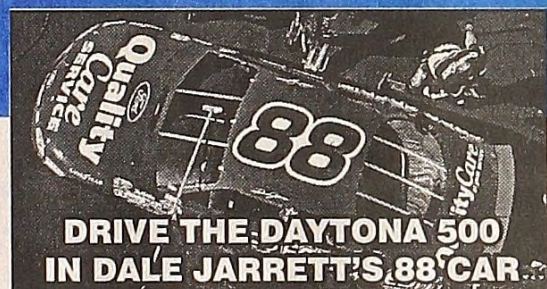
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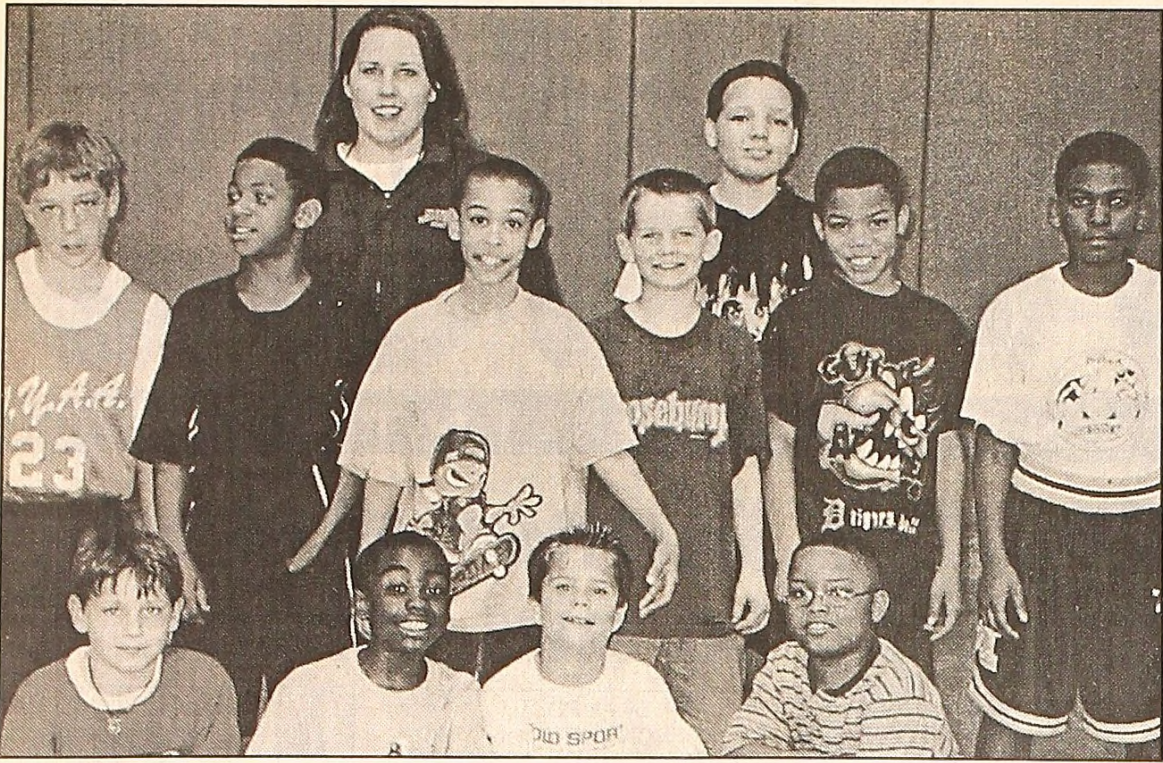
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Perfect at hoops

Like the girls' team, the Vandenberg Elementary School's boys basketball team completed a storybook season with a perfect 10-0 record in Wayne's After-School Recreation Program competition. Members of the championship team are Victor Hatch (front row, from left), Evido Edwards, Dakota Khan and William Walker; The lineup in the middle row includes Steven McCoy, Michael Lee, William Jackson, Paul Canfield, Dwayne Davenport and Kevin Hall. Coaches K. J. and Michael Miller make up the third row.

Pheasant Run Golf Course to host clinics for ladies

Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with Pheasant Run Golf Club, will host a ladies golf clinic next month.

Registration for the May 9th clinic will be staged from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on weekdays at the Parks and Recreation Services Office, 46000 Summit Parkway. Non-residents may begin registering on April 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There is a May 5 deadline or

The dates for the clinics are May 9, May 16 and May 23.

when class limit is reached. Officials say the registration fee is \$70, and golfers may choose between two time frames to attend: 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The dates for the clinics are May 9, May 16 and May 23.

The session consists of three lessons taught by PGA professionals. There will be instructions in chipping, putting, sand shots, iron play, wood play and golf course management.

Officials also note that the session is geared for beginners or as a refresher to begin the golf season.

Tribute

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sociation official Tommy Nunez is the keynote speaker. Nunez who also has been recognized for his work is the founder and co-

ordinator of the National Hispanic Basketball Classic in Phoenix.

In addition to conducting the annual tournament to raise funds for his charitable work, Nunez spends countless hours speaking to school children about stay-

Beasley

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emerged as a state champ in the 300-meters of his specialty.

Following in McCauley's footsteps is Joe Watson, who finished first in the highs (15.8) and the lows in 44 even.

Harper put the 100-meter dash into the Eagles' column with a 11.2 effort, while Sta-

ples captured the 800-meters with a 2:03 run.

Romulus will be tested today when Gibraltar Carlson comes to town. Carlson has the talent and the depth to challenge the defending state champs.

"I believe that this will be one of our toughest meets," stressed Glover. "Just hope we can get some warmer weather."

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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME David Martin will speak on the history of baseball and Tiger Stadium at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Just like at the ballpark, hot dogs, peanuts and cracker jacks and pop will be available. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$2 for children or \$13 for an entire family. For more information call 734-455-8940.

SLEEPING BEAUTY will be offered at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road. More than 50 local children will appear in the production. Tickets for all ages are \$4. For more information call 734-697-4835.

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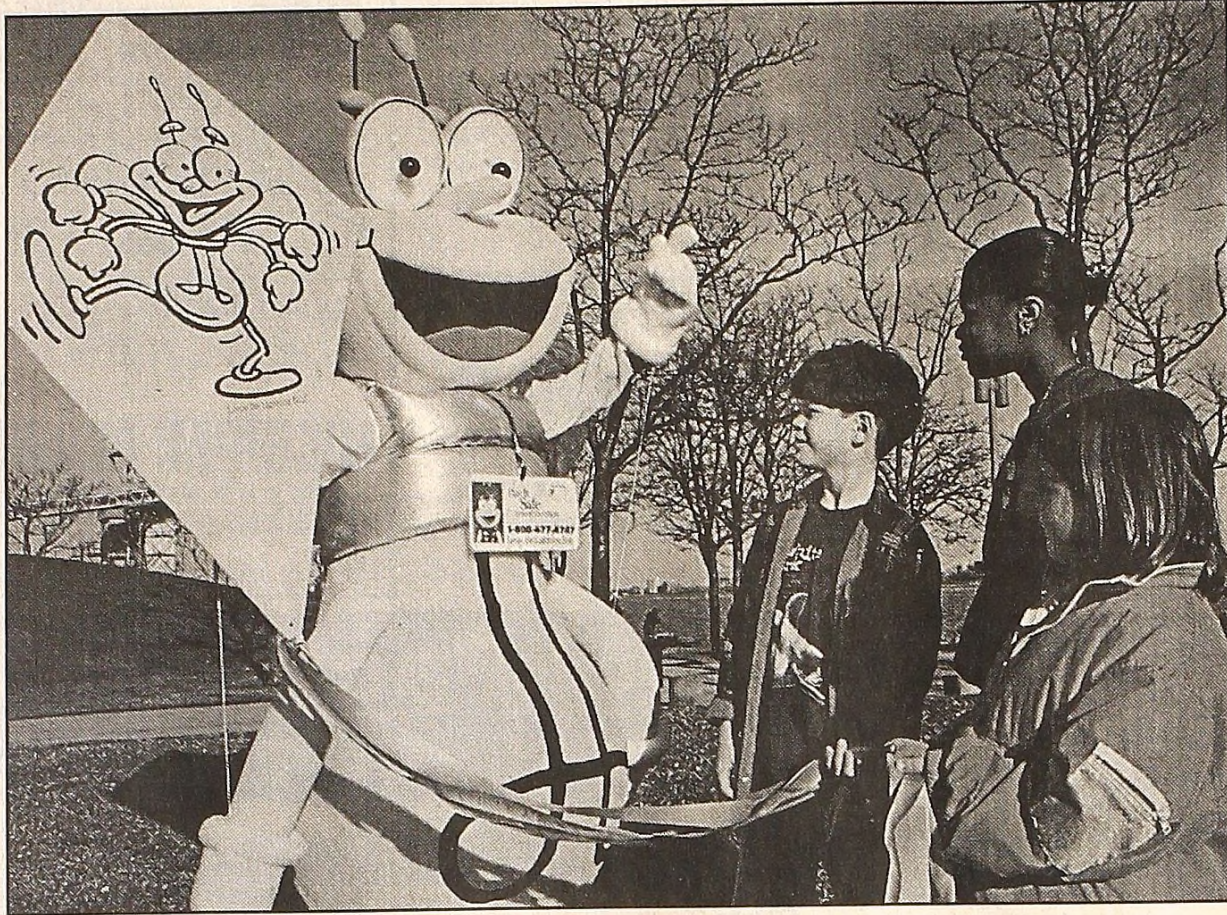
INKSTER CHAMBER MEETING will feature talk by Michael Conway, spokesman for the Detroit Metro Airport on Monday at the Floyd B. Simmons Multi-Purpose Center, 29150 Carlisle St. in Inkster. An officers meeting will take place at 5 p.m. and a general membership meeting at 6 p.m. For more information call 734-722-5146.

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EX-RED WING VISIT Bill Gadsby will visit Presbyterian Village in Westland at 10 a.m. today to share his views on past and present Red Wing teams. Site is located at 32001 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. RSVP is required.

ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER WORKSHOP is being offered from 7 to 8:15 p.m. April 18 at the Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic. There is no charge for the workshop. For more information call 734-455-6767.

LEARNING GENEALOGY Mrs. Lois Dickerson, DAR registrar for the Canton-Plymouth area, will speak on how to begin researching your family tree at the next meeting of the Canton Historical Society.



Louie the Lightning Bug -- Detroit Edison's safety mascot -- is shown cautioning several children on kite-flying safety. MCN Special Photo

Edison offers kite flying tips

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

With warm outdoor weather about to cascade into the Western Wayne County area, *Detroit Edison* is offering a number of safety tips to area families on the art of kite-flying.

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Group meets at 7 p.m. April 19 at the Cherry Hill School, corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. Public is invited and refreshments will be served.

SPEAKING IN PUBLIC the local Toastmasters Club in Westland urges persons wishing to learn the art of speaking in public to attend their weekly meetings at 6 p.m. every Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road (next to the Westland Mall). For more information call John Elbe at 734-326-5419.

RIVERS COFFEE HOUR Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (D-Ypsilanti) will conduct a coffee hour at the Extreme Beans, 7660 N. Canton Center Road in Canton from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on April 18. Rivers urges area residents to stop by and discuss current issues with her.

THE MAYOR'S CHAIR Romulus Mayor William Oakley will host his monthly cable TV show tonight at 6:30 with guests 34th District Court Judges Tina Brooks Green and Brian Oakley and Juvenile Probation Officer Deborah Nelson. A discussion will take place on how the court will become more involved with the schools and the community. To call in a question call 734-942-7571.

WAYNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Retired Wayne Fire Chief Mike O'Brien will outline some of the history of the local fire department and will out-

line how the role of today's fire fighter has changed more to "lifesaver." The meeting is slated for 7:30 tonight at the Wayne Museum, No. 1 Town Square.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS 125-voice strong will be presenting its annual spring concert "Touched by a Song" at 8 p.m. May 5 and 7 p.m. May 6 at the First Church of the Nazarene, Haggerty at Eight Mile Road in Novi. Tickets costing \$8 can be purchased at Sideways, 505 Forest

in Plymouth, Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty Road in Canton or by calling 455-4080.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE a benefit ball is being sponsored at 8 p.m. May 5 at the Roma Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill in Garden City by the Huron Valley Regional Council 34 of the Parents Without Partners Inc. Cost is \$12 at the door. For more information call the hotline at 734-480-3941.

Dinner slated to aid infant

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A spaghetti dinner is slated for April 22 to aid in the medical costs of tiny Paige Nickrand, daughter of Huron Township Police Officer Keith Nickrand and his wife, Robin.

According to supporters of the Nickrand family, Paige spent her first six months of life in the University of Michigan Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for her medical problems.

Now reportedly following various surgeries, Paige is home but needs continued special treatment.

Nickrand is the liaison police officer for the Huron School District and helped institute both the DARE and GREAT programs for students there.

Belleville Police Reserve Sgt. Steve Sexton and his wife, Sheila, declared "Keith cares about kids...and now he needs our help."

Thus the Sextons and their fellow reserve officers are conducting a spaghetti supper from 5 to 8 p.m. April 22 at the



Paige Nickrand

Belleville Moose Lodge on Huron River Drive.

Suggested donations for the dinners are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12.

Children under four will be served free.

All checks should be made out to The Friends of Paige Nickrand.

Dinner tickets can be purchased at Huron, Sumpter or Van Buren Township Halls, from the Sextons at the Belleville Moose Hall or by calling 734-697-8142.

Romulus company is fined by EPA

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Michigan Recovery Systems Inc. of Romulus has been fined \$32,000 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 for alleged hazardous waste violations.

The waste company located at 36234 Van Born Road is an approved hazardous treatment facility. An inspection back on Sept. 28, 1998 led to complaints that the company failed to comply with federal regulations to control air emissions from the hazardous waste storage tanks.

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The facility is now in compliance, the EPA reported.

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News from area churches

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No Promise Keepers Conference slated in Michigan this year

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

For the first time in a number of years, no Promise Keepers Conference is slated this year for either the Pontiac Silverdome or Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Sixteen conferences are listed on the PK national map beginning June 2-3 in Lynchburg, Va. and concluding Oct. 27-28 in Atlanta, Ga.

The first brochure of the year states "sites and dates are subject to change. More cities may be added."

For more information PK supporters are urged to check

on the web at www.promisekeepers.org.

For several years in the mid-90's PK conferences were slated at the Silverdome, several times the first of the year in the nation and often sold out weeks before the conference was held.

The Michigan conferences often had PK founder Bill McCartney (former assistant coach at the University of Michigan) as one of the key speakers.

This year's theme is "Go the Distance" with the following sub-themes: accepting the challenge, sustaining the journey, taking the lead, living dan-

gerously and finishing strong.

Three of the closest conferences will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa. on June 23-24, Louisville, Ky. on July 28-29, and Milwaukee on Aug. 11-12.

Following the urging of many PK members, the conferences will contain fees: \$69 for adults and \$49 for youth. It is the first time a youth fee is being used...in an effort to spur father-son joint attendances.

Last year PK experimented with free conferences and switching the local one to the much smaller Joe Louis Arena. The twin actions led to much smaller involvement by local Christians.

Two new items listed in this year's brochure are (1) Coach Bill McCartney has developed a new radio outreach *4th and Goal* and (2) PK is organizing a global assembly involving a gathering of Christians from around the world some time later in Israel.

of Canton will sponsor a Men's Good Friday Breakfast.

This year's featured speaker will be former Blue Angel pilot Jim Horsley, who also served as a combat pilot in the Vietnam War.

His talk -- filled with warmth and humor -- provides listeners with a keen understanding of values, personal potential and future possibilities.

The cost of the meal is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and younger. The time is 8 a.m. April 21 and the church is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton.

For more information call 734-459-3333.

Sen. Abraham's wife to speak at Lifespan mom of the year dinner

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Jane Abraham, wife of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, will be the featured speaker at the Right to Life-Lifespan Mother's Day Dinner on May 8 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

The Western Wayne Chapter of Right to Life is located at 27592 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

'Hot' Gun Art display set to open tomorrow

Abraham is the president of the Susan B. Anthony List -- a group promoting Anthony's philosophy to end abortion.

The mother of three children, Abraham also is active with the American Red Cross and breast cancer awareness efforts.

Also at the dinner, Heather Adams of Dearborn will be honored as the "Mother of the Year."

In addition to being a pro-life activist, Adams is the parish secretary at St. Barbara Catholic Church. She has two children, Hillary and John.

Tickets cost \$40 per person or \$375 for a table of 10. For more information call 248-777-9090.

A silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. and the dinner will start an hour later.

Persons wishing to donate items for the auction should call 248-816-8489.

The San Marino Club is located at 1685 E. Big Beaver Road in Troy.

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Concerned over the rapid rise in family gun deaths in the area, two artist/blacksmiths are neutering the weapons and turning them into safe artistic pieces.

The artists -- namely Scott Lankton and Jim Roth -- take contributed guns, heat them to 2000 degrees, smash them and then create the art.

Lankton was involved in using his metalwork skills to make jewelry, but then got "hooked on blacksmithing."

He apprenticed in Germany and today has his work on display in the British Museum in London.

"I am fascinated by the duality of the beauty and danger (of life)," he said, "and hope that my art will make the lives of others a bit more beautiful."

Roth did metalwork as a child and then later became a

consultant for a welding company.

But it was Roth's interest in hunting and fishing that influenced his closer look at guns and how society uses them, especially by and against children.

His heart for guns was permanently changed when he saw photos of children slain by guns.

The free Hot Gun Art exhibit opens at 5:30 p.m. April 14 at the Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 33 E. Adams in Detroit, on Grand Circus Park. It will run through July 29.

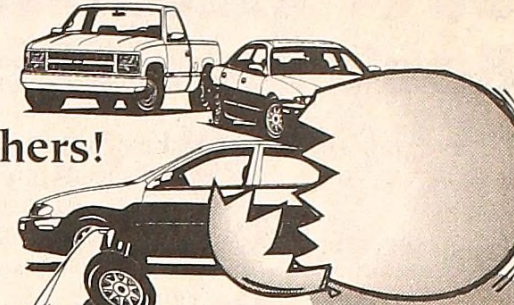
The center is sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

Some of the artwork is for sale.

For more information call 313-963-7575. Gallery hours are Tuesday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

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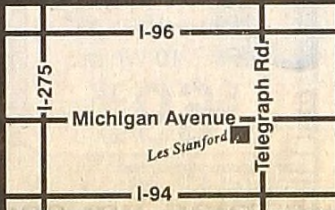
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2000 Bonneville true to theme: 'Luxury with Attitude'

By KAREN WILCOX
MCN Automotive Writer

I want one! The Pontiac bunch has found a real gem in the totally redesigned 2000 Bonneville SSEi. This sporty sedan has class leading style, comfort, and luxury all rolled into one awesome Package.

Pontiac's all-new 2000 Bonneville takes "Luxury With Attitude" to a new level. Redesigning from the ground up, Bonneville boasts all new architecture, with major advancements in design, engineering, and technology. It is truly a different kind of sports sedan driving machine.

SSEi, Pontiac's flagship, takes performance and feature content to a whole new level with a standard V6 supercharged engine that provides you with the performance of a VS. You don't even have to try to squeal the tires, it just happens. While stopped at a red light, with just the touch of my toe as the light changed to green, this baby just took off like some sort of space shuttle. I was very surprised at the power it had.

The road noise in the SSEi was at a minimum. Even with the windows about half way down, you could still here the stereo without

any problem. The Heads-Up display made it easier to drive because you never had to take your eyes off the road to monitor your speed. Also, the controls on the steering wheel simplified things even more. You could raise or lower the volume, change stations, and even tracks on your compact disc on your Bose eight-speaker premium, sound system without missing a beat as to what is going on in front of you.

While in the cockpit of the Bonneville, you realize just how comfortable the seating is. You are surrounded by luxurious leather that seems to hug your body. When looking at all of the electronic bells and whistles, you can see that they were geared for the drivers safety and comfort. Everything is just as it should be, which is in perfect reach for the driver.

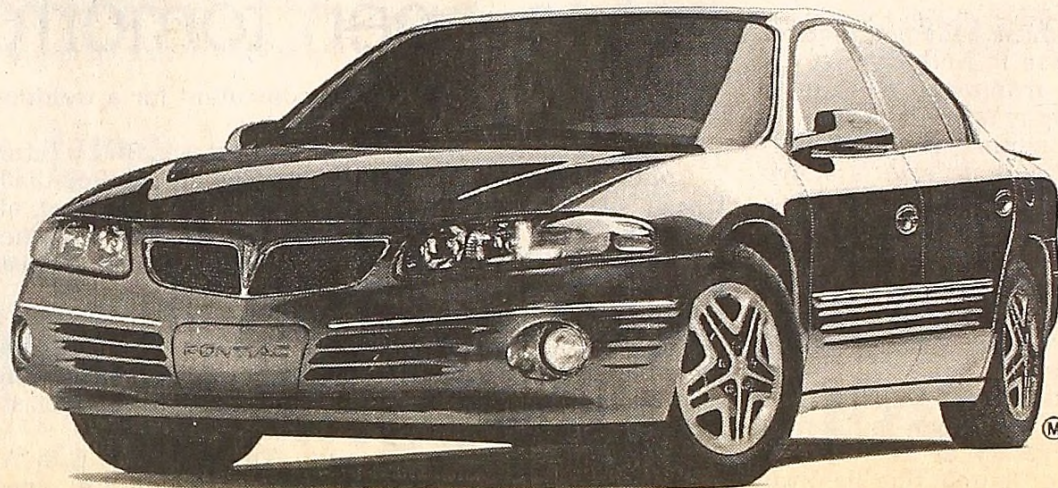
Head and legroom were at a premium. Plenty of space to stretch out and get comfy. This would be a great car for a long road trip. The rear passenger seat was just as roomy, and offered a host of extras, including, cup holders, tissue holders, and large map pockets for storage. The trunk was large enough to several

pieces of luggage, a couple sets of golfs clubs, or a bunch of groceries to feed your tribe. It even had a rear hatch for the back seat to the trunk for oversized items.

Some of the new features on the Bonneville SSEi for 2000 are: new stiffer body structure, sleeker body sculpting, larger mirror surfaces, reduced glare headlamps, all new wheels and tires, driver focused, adaptive interior, driver information center, and the all important self aligning catcher's mitt seats that seem to hug every curve of your body.

The suspension in this car was great. It was as if you were floating above the road instead of driving on it. Steering this one was also effortless. Fuel economy was pretty surprising as well, 18 miles per gallon in the city and 26 on the highway. I don't find that to be all that harsh considering that it is a 3.8 liter supercharged engine.

By now you are probably wondering how much for such a great car. Well, base price was \$27,995 and as tested \$32,250. I found this Bonneville SSEi to be one of my all time favorite sport sedans, and would recommend it to everyone. It has luxury with an attitude!



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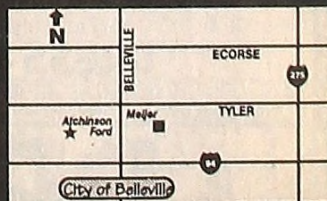
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General Public Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles General Public Lease	GM Employee Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles GM Employee Lease
\$20,300.00 w/rebate or \$21,300.00 w/2.9% A.P.R.*	\$259.00/mo. +tax Only \$2435.54 due at signing! #19598	\$19,337.38 w/rebate or \$20,337.88 w/2.9% A.P.R.*	\$234.00/mo. +tax Only \$2308.80 due at signing! #19597

New 2000 Century Custom Millennium Edition!

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Cruise control, power seat, heated mirrors, AM/FM cassette player, wheel radio controls, climate control, keyless entry, 15" alloy wheels, power windows, power mirrors, anti-lock brakes, 36 mo./36,000 miles limited warranty with premium roadside

General Public Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles General Public Lease	GM Employee Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles GM Employee Lease
Was: \$21,472 Stock # B2137 \$18,650.00 w/rebate or \$19,900.00 w/3.9% A.P.R.*	\$259.00/mo. +tax Only \$2,264.52 due at signing! #19592	\$17,863.93 w/rebate or \$19,103.93 w/3.9% A.P.R.*	\$239.00/mo. +tax Only \$2,113.82 due at signing! #19591

New 2000 Sonoma Ext. Cab Pick-up

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General Public Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles General Public Lease	GM Employee Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles GM Employee Lease
Was: \$18,604 Stock # 2535 \$15,050.00 w/rebate or \$16,300.00 w/2.9% A.P.R.*	\$159.00/mo. +tax Only \$2088.74 due at signing! #19600	\$14,268.01 w/rebate or \$15,518.01 w/2.9% A.P.R.*	\$139.00/mo. +tax Only \$1938.71 due at signing! #19599

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General Public Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles General Public Lease	GM Employee Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles GM Employee Lease
Was: \$21,510 Stock # 100130 \$18,900.00 w/rebate or \$19,900.00 w/0.9% A.P.R.*	\$229.00/mo. +tax Only \$2,345.60 due at signing! #19596	\$18,083.85 w/rebate or \$19,083.85 w/0.9% A.P.R.*	\$214.00/mo. +tax Only \$2,219.45 due at signing! #19595

New 2000 Regal LS Sedan

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General Public Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles General Public Lease	GM Employee Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles GM Employee Lease
Was: \$23,992 Stock # B2303 \$20,900.00 w/rebate or \$21,900.00 w/0.9% A.P.R.*	\$259.00/mo. +tax Only \$2,548.81 due at signing! #19594	\$20,046.49 w/rebate or \$21,046.36 w/0.9% A.P.R.*	\$249.39/mo. +tax Only \$2,013.72 due at signing! #19593

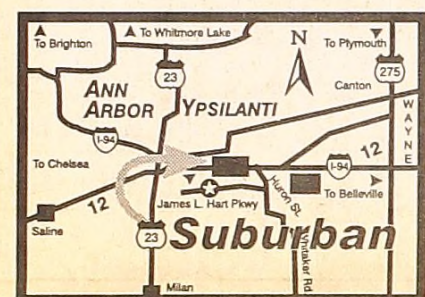
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Air, auto, tailgate body, Vortec 4.3 V-6, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, AM/FM stereo with CD player, cruise control, 15" alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, 36 mo./36,000 miles limited warranty with roadside assistance.

General Public Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles General Public Lease	GM Employee Buy For	36 mo./36,000 Miles GM Employee Lease
Was: \$25,812 Stock # 300217 \$21,500.00 w/2.9% A.P.R.*	\$219.00/mo. +tax Only \$2,503.75 due at signing! #19602	\$20,523.14 w/2.9% A.P.R.*	\$194.00/mo. +tax Only \$2,319.92 due at signing! #19601



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Lease for 36 mos./36,000 Miles "0" DOWN \$246⁰⁰ Mo.

\$242.41 due at signing GM EMPLOYEE/FAMILY

SALE PRICE \$15,258⁰⁰* \$228⁶⁹**

\$279.91 DUE AT SIGNING

GM EMPLOYEES/FAMILY SAVE ADD'L \$1049.00

Stk. #3960

2000 BLAZER 4 DR. LS

Was \$26,770⁰⁰ OR

Lease for 36 mos./36,000 Miles "0" DOWN \$315⁵⁹ Mo.

\$634.53 due at signing GM EMPLOYEE/FAMILY

SALE PRICE \$22,467⁰⁰* \$278⁹⁴**

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2000 RANGER 4x2

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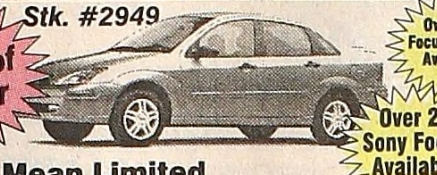
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A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$159^{47**} \$1500 DOWN \$95^{76**}

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Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$17,550 **NOW \$15,158^{80*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$259^{43**} \$1500 DOWN \$205^{18**}

2000 WINDSTAR LX

Stk. #3519



Spruce green clearcoat, 3.8L SPI engine, 4 spd. auto. O/D trans., 7 pass. hi-back buckets, comfort group, roof rack, overhead console, P.W., P.L., electric power mirrors, AM/FM stereo/disc/cass./clock, 6.5x15" alum. whls., CD changer prep.

Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$27,845 **NOW \$21,295^{80*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$271^{26**} \$1500 DOWN \$228^{21**}

2000 EXPLORER SPORT 4X4

209 Explorers Available

Stk. #01084



2 DOOR
Medium blue, V-6 engine, trailer towing package, sport leather buckets, CD, premium sport group, aluminum wheels 16x7, speed control, tilt wheel, keypad/autolock, 5 speed automatic O/D.

Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$31,560 **NOW \$23,856^{50*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$303^{83**} \$1500 DOWN \$238^{44**}

2000 F-150 XLT 4X2

198 F-150's Available

Stk. #3054



STYLESIDE REGULAR CAB
Green clearcoat, dark Graphite captains chairs, 4.2L EFI V-6 eng., 5 speed manual O/D trans., sliding rear window, remote keyless entry, cast alum. wheels, CD, air, 4-wheel ABS.

Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$22,605 **NOW \$15,086^{20*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$168^{81**} \$1500 DOWN \$102^{35**}

2000 MUSTANG COUPE

Stk. #454



Black, V-6, manual transmission, power windows, power locks, power moon, cruise, tilt, air conditioning, CD, MACH stereo and much more!

Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$18,295 **NOW \$15,030^{50*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$272^{59**} \$1500 DOWN \$205^{04**}

2000 ESCORT ZX2

Stk. #1093



2 DOOR COUPE
Bright red clearcoat, charcoal cloth, 2.0L DOHC 16V Zetec engine, 5 speed manual, CFC-free air conditioning, tilt steering, leather wrapped steering wheel, speed control.

Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$13,445 **NOW \$10,085^{00*}**

2000 TAURUS SE

Taurus to Taurus Lease Renewal

Stk. #3338



160 Taurus Available

4 DOOR SEDAN
Green, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl. engine, 6 passenger seating, locking wheel covers, floor mats, auto, air and much more.

Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$19,490 **NOW \$16,017^{50*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$217^{60**} \$1500 DOWN \$173^{46**}

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Incpn
F-150 4X2 REG. CAB	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 317 \$1637
2000 EXPLORER SPORT 4X4	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 431 \$1951
2000 RANGER 4x2 SUPERCAB XLT	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 278 \$1800
2000 SONY FOCUS	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 314 \$1856
2000 TAURUS	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 369 \$1912
2000 MUSTANG COUPE	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 367 \$1886
2000 WINDSTAR LX	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 427 \$1971

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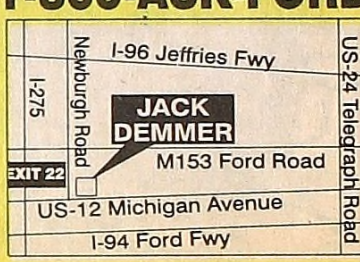
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